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@paulm.8660 1 month ago

THANK YOU for speaking these truths! While I understand the sentiment of people who wish to use their vote to protest Biden's complicity with the atrocities committed by the Netanyahu government, I feel nothing but contempt for the end goal. Anyone who sits this election out, or votes for an unelectable third party (and at this time there are no viable third-party candidates), is themselves **complicit** in elevating Trump to the presidency. Sure, we can protest the Trump administration and make proclamations about what Biden "should have done," but it will be the Palestinian people who pay the price for that smug satisfaction.

Make no mistake: this election is a choice between Biden's limited efforts toward humanitarian safe zones, or Trump's calls for removal of all humanitarian aid. Biden's inadequate pleas for moderation, or Trump's stated goal of increased destruction. Biden's reluctant complicity, or Trump's active support for genocide.

Between these two, there can be only one moral choice. Those who just can't bring themselves to vote for Biden commit the same sin as Biden himself: handwringing inaction and ineffectual opposition while allowing the Israeli government to continue perpetuating war crimes against the Palestinian people.

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@dinosaysrawr 4 weeks ago

Perfectly said. Thank you.

"None" is not an option here. Refusing to stand in the way of an objectively-greater evil because you took issue with a lesser evil is still, to my mind, a form of complicity.

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@SarahRenz59 4 weeks ago

@dinosaysrawr @paulm.8660 ITA with both of you. Heck, I'm still p*ssed that these purists deprived me of President Hillary Clinton in 2016. I barely made it through 1 Trump term; I shudder to think the hell that awaits us all if he's elected again.

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our commitment to human rights.

True moral integrity means holding ALL leaders accountable. By demanding accountability now, we can work towards a future where no form of evil is acceptable. Let's continue to seek solutions that prioritize justice and human rights for all.

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@Sidecutter 3 weeks ago

Sorry but that's blame shifting. Joe Biden is responsible for his own loss and whatever that means, if he makes himself so despised people cannot vote for him and feel morally comfortable. He had every chance to not end up here and refused.

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@nonelost1 3 weeks ago

Therefore, our choice is either to vote for Biden, or vote for Hitler's ghost.

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@BelRigh 3 weeks ago

(r)amen

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@miss1of2 2 weeks ago

And that is without talking about all the damage Trump will do in the US too!!!

This is my plea as a Canadian!!! PLEASE DON'T LET TRUMP BE ELECTED AGAIN!!

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@miss1of2 2 weeks ago

@AndreTJones so you would rather risk a second Trump presidency?

Think of all the damage he'll do in the US and all over the world?

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@klompb 2 weeks ago

Those who do not vote third party, vote for g no cide and to perpetuate the cycle of the status quo. Have some principles and stand up for what is right.

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@dr.prof.robtopnotch 12 days ago

👍!

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@SandyHummingbird 2 weeks ago

On the "g-cide" word: Yes, words matter! It IS a g-cide. As a Jew and the granddaughter of someone who escaped the Holocaust, I believe it is imperative that we say it loud. Never again means never again, to ANYONE.

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@flightkimulator9612 1 month ago (edited)

I grew up evangelical. When the war in Syria was kicking off, there was a city being bombed with loads of civilians dying. I believe it was Damascus.

I visited my church and they weren't sad or hoping to organize aid. They were cheering because the destruction of that cit...

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@jackstonehenge 1 month ago

The other day I was asked why Star Trek was my favorite show. Without being too long winded I simply said that if every politician in congress was forced to watch a full season of Star Trek I thought the world would be a better place.

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@josephglatz25 1 month ago

I've been saying it until I'm blue in the mouth, the GOP must not be allowed victory in 2024. They are the only alternative that counts, and they are a million times worse. People you know, people you are friends with will be placed in mortal danger if they win, and Gaza won't be any better off than it is now. It sucks, having to wait another 4 years to try to get a genuine progressive nominated for president, but right now we face the immediate and terrifyingly real danger of turning

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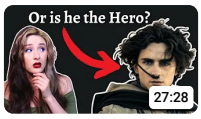

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@ahouyearno 1 month ago
I was about to comments on the "good name of the United States" but then Steve was already ahead of me.
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@daniellland3767 1 month ago
One thing that's sad you have to say, "we know its not all Joe Biden".

Its deflection, we know, we just gotta address OUR president, not anyone else
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@Saiyanprince1114 1 month ago
35,000 is actually a conservative estimate because the apparatus that measures casualties coming out of Gaza hasn't been in operation for at least two months now.
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@dynamicworlds1 1 month ago
Not to mention the undercounting of people buried in rubble.
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@lukey19920 1 month ago (edited)
Over 15,000 children, and Joe funds it, it's unforgivable in my view
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@gapsule2326 1 month ago
Iirc Nader thinks its 150k
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@jamessnedeker4799 1 month ago
The one thing that annoys me about how everyone talks about this election is that the only thing up for election is the Presidency. All our representatives and about 1/3 of our senators are also up for election as well as countless state and local elections. Vote for BIDEN but also vote for representatives, senators, etc that would push Biden to his limit and lessen his complacency.
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@zelest 1 month ago
As a Swede viewing this from the outside, America is in great need of more political parties and make it more about voting for a party and less about voting for a president. I'm not quite happy with how block politics in Sweden are working either. We're far from perfect. But still, if I hate what the largest party in a block does, I can always vote for another party in that same block in hopes of giving them more influence. I.e., if I hate something the Social Democrats have done, I can vote fo...
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@evaninthehaus 1 month ago
It is the bitterest pill to swallow. I didn't really want to vote for Biden the first time, I really wished he wouldn't get the nomination. But he did. And I voted for him. And I'm mad at him, and I really don't want to give him my vote. But I will swallow the bitter pill and do it.
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@rudetuesday 1 month ago
Thank you, Steve. Facing the truth is vital, especially since we have so much work to do. In addition to voting through the entire ballot, I'd like to encourage people to support their local public libraries. Making use of the services there--libraries have so much more than books, which are already wonderful--joining the Friends of the Library group, and sitting on the board of trustees are all great ways to get involved in your local community. Seeing our neighbors is vital to feeling part o...
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@theprecipiceofreason 1 month ago
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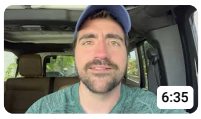

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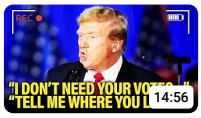

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@ChissHansen 1 month ago
One phrase that keeps going through my head whenever I'm stuck with no good options is "The person you vote for isn't gonna be your friend, they're who you're gonna fight." Voting isn't the only way or even the most effective way to change policy in a country, but it is the simplest way that takes the least amount of effort and risk. If someone isn't even willing to vote vote when they're able to, then I doubt they will be willing to do anything else to help.
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@gehrigornelas6317 1 month ago
Amazing and well done. So honest and articulate. This is an important message so many need to hear.
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@Mars80085 1 month ago
As an Australian, I have to say thanks for this Steve, I agree with every point you made. However, I think that people in the US may not appreciate just how much Biden has done for foreign policy, especially from the perspective of the US's allies. For the four years of Trump we couldn't know what would happen next, would the president just, out of the blue, cancel a treaty or a trade deal, throw an ally under the bus? Hell, we were looking toward Angela Merkel for leadership, for stability...
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@jameslewis6259 1 month ago
I am reminded of all the times a trumpie said something to the effect of "The left only criticizes trump, the never criticize their own."
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@ianfrazier9896 1 month ago
Outstanding video, especially that final point.
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@michaelwilson6941 4 weeks ago
Thank you Steve for making this video.
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@robertgaines-tulsa 1 month ago
Being poor all my life, I've always had to make tough choices or learn to deal with what I can get. We were given the choice between lemons and grapefruit. You can make lemon aid with the lemons, but the grapefruit will interact badly with your medications and put you in the hospital. You have to make the choice between the two or someone else will. There are plenty of people out there that would think it would be funny if you got sick and had to go to the hospital. We only have ...
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@bmurali5128 3 weeks ago
Man you said all those things I was thinking already but couldn't find elegant ways to put them in words! Thank you!
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@ervinharris5462 4 weeks ago
Awesome video and well said. I've tried to tell my friends the same thing.
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@latrapp4641 1 month ago
Arguing over the meaning if genocide is a tactic used to absolve UN members of responsibility. I.E. Rwanda, Darfur, Srebrenica
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@mkang8782 1 month ago
I always appreciate your eloquence, thoughtfulness, and skill with driving home points in a measured, deliberate manner.

All of the truths in this video matter, but the third is arguably the most important, especially within the context of the first two....
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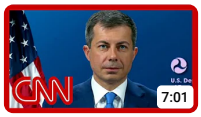

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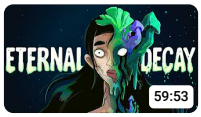

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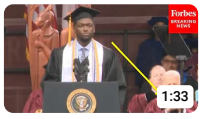

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💔 thanks, Steve.
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@rotaryrich 1 month ago
thank you for sharing this. It means a lot to. me.
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@SlinkVI 1 month ago
Excelent video. I'm glad someone finally said it.
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@jefferyparker4277 1 month ago
I love this guy. Great video.
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Thank you Steve. You're a good man.
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Thanks for saying what I've been thinking.
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@inkpenavengerYT 1 month ago
I'm used to being unenthusiastc about who I'm voting for. I wasn't excited about voting for Kerry in '04, Clinton in '16, or Biden in '20. And if 2008 me had known the things I know now, I wouldn't have been excited about Obama in '08 or '12. But this is the first time I've been actively ANGRY about who I have to vote for. Given the options on the table, I am FURIOUS that there is only one option that even remotely acceptable. Biden is unlikely to make anything better, hell he's ...
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@erinterrizzi5480 1 month ago
In PA, my wife & I voted "uncommitted" for the presidential primary knowing full well we'd vote for Biden in Nov
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This video needs to be shared and posted EVERYWHERE that it can be.
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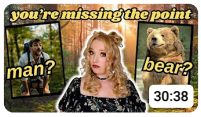

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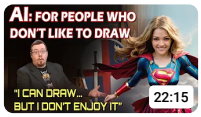

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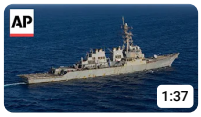

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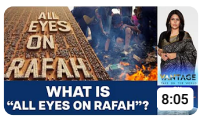

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@stevewithaq 1 month ago
"He can be moved."

This, in my estimation, is the one thing which differentiates Biden over Trump. If you go back to Biden's original platform in 2020, you will find some pretty anti-progressive ideas. But pressure from candidates farther to the left of him moved him ...
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@88Cherif 1 month ago
Thank you so much, Steve! You give me hope that one day we might really get that optimistic future that Star Trek dreams of!

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@GhostRydr1172 1 month ago
It's a bit more difficult than convincing Joe to turn. There's probably a considerable amount of interested government and private parties that benefit greatly from ongoing support to Israel. Those same parties are probably purting heaps of pressure - whether subtle or less so - on the administration to keep being...traditional.

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@matttthericker 1 month ago
I think it would also behoove us to look at which congresspeople voted to approve the appropriations package that is allowing Biden to send weapons to Israel, and keep that in mind in the upcoming congressional primaries.

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@okarthegreat 2 weeks ago
Thank you so much, Steve. People have already said this (literally the pinned comment), but as awful as Biden is, and as much as people need to understand that he's NOT good for the people in Gaza, we still must vote for him. You're really awesome, dude. I hope more people see this video. ❤️❤️❤️

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@MrZauberelefant 1 month ago
Excellent summary. I disagree on a few point, could cite historical precedent fot those, blablabla, but I fully agree: Joe Biden is the better choice, Trump must not become president, not voting in a democracy is not good practice.
You, Steve, made a compelling argument. That was a great breath of fresh air in a toxic discourse.

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@albizu75 1 month ago
I really appreciate you taking on this issue. Hope you have a good week.

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@jessesloan864 1 month ago
It needed to be said.

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@wearejohnsons1 1 month ago
Steve... All i can say is bravo.

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@CiusBlade 1 month ago
I'm with you on this one 100 percent

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@demonicusa.k.a.theblindguy3929 1 month ago
Yep.

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@douglasbaker9663 1 month ago
The last point is a point not on Trump or Biden, but the failings of our election systems. Anyone who takes it personally or as a ding on "their guy" is missing the real point entirely.

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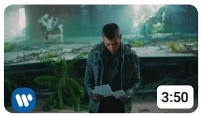

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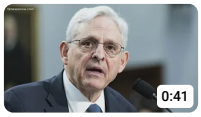

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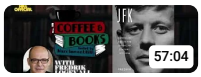

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@brittoncooper1251 1 month ago
One the three tenets I live my life by is "Every day, make the world a better place than it was yesterday. If you can't do that, at least make it no worse."
That's why I'll be reluctantly voting Biden this fall. I wish there were better options. But the reality is just as Steve said, Trump or Biden will be president. And so I'll choose the option that will make it no worse. Not just in Gaza, but here at ...
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@jonathananonymouse7685 1 month ago
I couldn't've said it better myself.
1 Reply

@FameyFamous 1 month ago
Republicans in the Senate and House will also want to give more support to Netanyahu and more harm to Gaza. Hold your nose if necessary and vote for those Democrats too.
28 Reply
1 reply

@rampantrambling8178 1 month ago
This should be one of the biggest political issues this year. The fact that we don't have an anti-war candidate here with a focus on de-escalation is insanse. Absolutely insane.
8 Reply
3 replies

@yermatedave4930 1 month ago
You're 100% right on this, and doing a much better job explaining just why it is essential to hold one's nose and vote Biden in the next election than 95% of other commentators across the media. Good job. I'll be saving this video and forwarding it on to many othets
1 Reply

@MadRedBear_GAMING 4 weeks ago
Unfortunately, I agree 👍
1 Reply

@jefft5152 1 month ago
Steve, I've been enjoying your content for a long time. I honestly thought I'd have to leave a crazy comment... You really really dug deep on Joe. You clearly have done your homework. I, like you, have already made up my mind on this so I was kind of yelling at my phone for a little bit. 😅
Your message is the best message for this country. Like Joe says, "Don't compare me to the almighty; compare me to the...
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6 Reply

@ethantracy337 1 month ago
Thanks 😊. This was the best video on the subject.
1 Reply

@ComradePhoenix 1 month ago
I was afraid I was going to have to make point 3 for you, but I'm glad you made it.
Reply

@trekkin_fpv5272 1 month ago
Agreed all around
3 Reply

@ianmcburney5734 1 month ago
Well said Steve. As livid as I am about Gaza, Trump being defeated has to be the goal. For the sake of the people of Gaza, as well as us.
3 Reply

@mooncalf191 1 month ago
People keep saying that foreign policy isn't about morality, it's about power. Like that is some kind of natural unchangeable property of nature or logic and not the ongoing cruel human choice it is.
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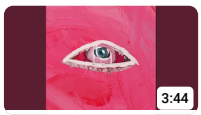

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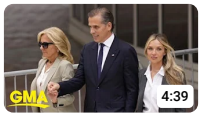

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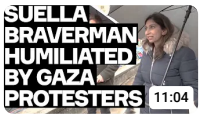

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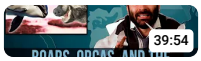

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@CaptainAndy 1 month ago
The people making a difference are the activists, not the government.

Government is an institution that needs to go and the way to do that is to stop recognising it's authority.

6 Reply

@mbessey 1 month ago
Thank you for including that final point. We may not like the choices that the electoral system provides us with, and we can attempt to change them, via support for ranked choice voting, or protesting, or whatever.

But right now, THIS NOVEMBER, the choice that we have is between Biden and Trump. Not voting does not send a ...
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@joehopfield 1 month ago
What Steve said.
(The IDF's atrocities against their palestinian hostages didn't start on Oct 7, they started decades ago)
Also, call yer reps & senators. Daily. :'(

17 Reply

@manyeyedcrow9391 1 month ago
Could not have been better said. Not voting, voting for a third party candidate, or voting for the unspeakable is not punishing Biden, it is refusing to use the one tool at our disposal that could help avert a global catastrophe. On climate change, on human rights, on democracy, on civil rights, on Women's health and Women's freedom, on lgbtq rights, and yes,on Gaza.

2 Reply

@ShinjiSings 1 month ago
100% truth spoken

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@ecnalreleam 1 month ago
Yeah, the third one is hard to swallow. I just keep thinking about how another Trump Supreme Court Justice would ruin us all. That keeps my throat open for that hard to swallow pill about needing to vote for Joe.

3 Reply

@Venator631 4 weeks ago
If only voting actually made a difference or used a system worth supporting of course if voting actually mattered we wouldn't be allowed to vote.

3 Reply

@MrStress 1 month ago
This is the truth!

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@poigntless 1 month ago
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@emmamacfarlane8137 1 month ago
I think a fourth and most uncomfortable fact is that, if these are the only two options, you must ask; do you really live in a democratic society?

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@CmdrKing 1 month ago
I'm maintaining my current stance of refusing to comment on my actual vote, and in large part because of the point Steve makes in the end of the video: creating pressure to maintain Biden's change in direction is still paramount, and the more people there are declaring they'll support Biden no matter what and advocating others to do the same, the more that pressure is blunted.

While I understand the instinct to include it here, as a way to connect with those people who do advocate that way, if I'm honest it's clear too many of those people haven't done the hard look at themselves or done the work of learning about this atrocity that the moment requires. There's a rush to push past just how harrowing this all is and boil it down to the voting, and along the way ignoring all the things that can and must be done. For months I've seen people I used to respect claiming that there's nothing Biden could do and that the slaughter of Palestinians is inevitable so we have to ignore it to stop Trump, and in the last week we've seen all the things so many have argued that entire time, the ways the executive and Commander in Chief can slow and hobble military aide within the confines of the law. And how much sooner could that have happened if not for the insulating bubble created by moderates and liberals crying "but Trump!" from the first sign people were angry about the carnage they were seeing.

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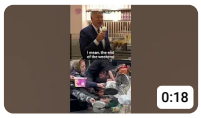

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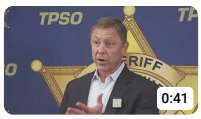

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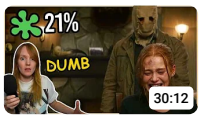

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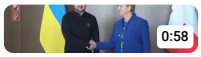

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@maxhatterschannel5140 1 month ago

While we in Germany don't have the Voting system the US has.
We are of course also struggling right now what to do with the Gaza Conflict.

What really troubles me is that I've seen a lot of people internationally attack us from both sides. …

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@paulfortney4725 1 month ago

Great point Steve, the MAGA party would be worse on Gaza, heck Trump would probably send US troops to help the IDF, even with the small cutting off of arms shipments the Republicans are saying Biden is supporting Hamas.

20 Reply

3 replies

@XxThunderflamexX 1 month ago

This I think is a fantastic argument for ranked choice voting. It would be much more expressive as a way for citizens to state their preferences, rather than a reward bestowed for running a good campaign.

1 Reply

@thuun5607 4 weeks ago

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@kukisanban2994 1 month ago

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2 Reply

@quonomonna8126 1 month ago

please make the distinction between ICJ and ICC

2 Reply

@lethargogpeterson4083 1 month ago

Steve, as a willing Biden supporter, thank you for giving me something to think about. (Also, thank you for focusing on the issue not the terminology used to describe it.)

1 Reply

@bellabluesteinpatchin9439 4 weeks ago

100%

Reply

@andrewlisciandrello6920 1 month ago

For people who live in swing states, I think some of what you said deserves serious thought.

As someone who lives in a state where Joe Biden will not be within the margin of error, I see no reason to compromise my personal morals to vote for a man who enables genocide. …

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2 replies

@narvuntien 1 month ago

Hey thanks for being one of the relatively few people that are able to pass this mental test.

Reply

@trenth3492 1 month ago

Thank you Steve Shives for this video

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@milohobo9186 1 month ago

Yes, thank you for raising the quality of discussion around this genocide.

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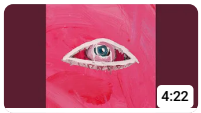

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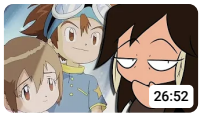

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@tristanthompson1980 1 month ago
Steve saying a whole mess of truths here
4 Reply

@adamlytle2615 1 month ago
Thank you for this. I've been getting increasingly irked at some of the more vocal people in my twitter feed who seem to think that their high horse is more important than helping insure Donald Trump does not win the presidency again. As though that will help anyone. As though the panoply of other issues facing your country are not also at stake this election.
1 Reply

@kayla_eeve 3 weeks ago
The only one of your points I take issue with is the last one. I don't think it's totally wrong but it is incomplete.

I live in Illinois. Biden won my state by over a million votes in 2020. He did so without my vote then and he will do so without my vote in November. If I lived just a few miles north, across the border into Wisconsin, I would be facing a much ...
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@stringedassassin 10 days ago
I like this dude and mostly agree, however I am not participating in the S-show any longer. Good luck, everyone.
Reply

@Karilzumi1 1 month ago
That last sentence sums up a lot of my frustration with the progressive left, speaking as a Black woman veteran. People (read: the white liberals in blue havens such as California, where I lived most of my life) are too in their own feelings, having been born with what I call moral luck: that is, people who have had the benefit of choosing between two good options instead of having shit options or no options at all. I was against the Iraq war in high school, but thanks to the ...
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@cyberius7042 1 month ago
Thank you for saying this out loud. Point #3 is what keeps sticking in my craw - I wasn't a huge fan of Biden even in 2020 and still wasn't before his support of Israel, but he remains the least-bad option this November.
25 Reply
3 replies

@TubeTAG 1 month ago
Voting is a responsibility. To shirk that responsibility out of moral outrage is still a shirking of that responsibility.
60 Reply
4 replies

@Mlckey 1 month ago
Love this! 🔥 I don't like our choices either, but I am voting for Biden too.
19 Reply
1 reply

@Krawolga 1 month ago
It took courage to make this video about a bad and a worse option. And Steve didn't even mention, what many people across the globe fear (I am not from the USA), that the next presidential election in the USA might be the last one... at least for quite a while and in the sense what you call a free election.
1 Reply

@shovknight3008 1 month ago
This is what I've been thinking this whole time whenever I see people say that they can't vote for Biden because of how he's been handling the Gaza situation. Also I feel like complaining to the Biden administration that what they are doing is "too little too late" is a bit counterproductive. I mean hasn't our whole goal been for him to change his policy in Gaza? I feel like we should be welcoming any change regardless of how small it is. Even if it is true that he shouldve done a lot more a...
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@theatheistpaladin 4 weeks ago (edited)
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@dt22867 1 month ago
That 35,000 number is low, it's actually closer to probably 100 to 200,000 but that just came out like a day ago
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@ronjaj.addams-ramstedt1023 1 month ago
Downloading, because I don't trust YT.

Thank you, Steve!
6 Reply

@hououinkyouma5539 1 month ago
Despite all my rage
I'm still just a rat in a cage
1 Reply

@joanwerthman4116 1 month ago
I'm an elderly Jewish atheist who has long been used to voting for the lesser of two evils; so I'm voting for Biden.
1 Reply

@SeamusCameron 1 month ago
How dare you say something so controversial! That I completely agree with.... This is the "Bad Place" isn't it?
3 Reply

@samirabdel-aziz478 1 month ago
This is a hard thing to ask of me, Steve. Biden is a terrible candiate and while hes done some good as president, he's slow to move or change. He and those like him believe in tiny changes and it feels lime he is merely allowing the status quo to stay in power.
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@OsirisMalkovich 1 month ago
Could an American please explain to me why the US government is so committed to helping Israel even now, when it is crystal clear that Israel is on the wrong side of this? What is America getting out of its support of a genocidal regime here?
46 Reply
12 replies

@charleswilliams2841 1 month ago
Well done Steve. Very well articulated and you are 100% correct
1 Reply

@KingOfLesbia 1 month ago (edited)
Well said Steve i agree as democrat i havent been overly thrilled with Biden i wish he was more progressive and i wish he had done more to help Palestine and Condemn Benjamins regmie but i think hes a good person at heart and hes trying if that isnt good enough for some democrats i would say think of the alternative, its far far worse and its clear that t** would make things far worse in Gaza
6 Reply

@christopherdisorbo4964 4 weeks ago
I'm sick of the lesser of two evils, I'm sick of holding my nose at the voting booth. But the Republicans are and have been putting forward an overt fascist so I can't in good conscious sit this one out. If it were a choice between Biden or a guy like Romney, I'd sit it out.
1 Reply

@RikipediaGO 1 month ago
Your point about voting for politicians not being like voting for someone in a talent show really hit home as a fundamental shift in how people view the act of voting in general. Not going to say that "American Idol" ruined elections, but I'd never really thought about the connections there
3 Reply

@BlackCover95 1 month ago (edited)
What's your solution to the Trolley Problem?
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@physicsnerd02 4 weeks ago
I don't know exactly how to say this, but I hope I get my point across:

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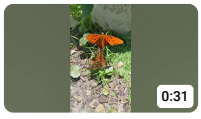

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@simonpeteradkins 1 month ago
$10.00 Hear, hear! A difficult and nuanced position well-stated and worth hearing.
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@twinsgardening896 0 seconds ago
rewarding people for condescending to minorities? seriously?
Reply

@DaneFalco 1 month ago
excellent points.
6 Reply

@Zoopster1 1 month ago
Well said. And I should point out that I was and am a staunch supporter of Bernie's movement, but I held my nose and voted for Hillary in 2016, and for Joe Biden in 2020, even though I had voted for Bernie in the primary both times. We don't have to like the choices in front of us, but in the end they're the only ones we have. And no amount of chest thumping or public posturing is going to change that. Casting a vote for somebody who isn't a candidate is the same as throwing your ...
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@1fareast14 1 month ago
Ive been making this exact case, but this video is the best version of it I've seen.
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@Captnemo563 1 month ago
Agreed on the vote. I wonder though are we just delaying the inevitable fall at this point? Im starting to think voting for trump is to strike the match
1 Reply

@MLHunt 1 month ago
As someone who considers himself to be a progressive but who also lives in the real world, the fact that it is necessary for people to make this case over and over again causes me more than a little despair that the left will ever get past its tendency to self-pwn.
5 Reply

@davidcauley9400 1 month ago
hear hear Steve.
1 Reply

@secti0n31 1 month ago
What makes you think there will still be a gaza in November?
1 Reply
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@leonwolf4 1 month ago
Well due to the Electoral college, my vote doesn't matter being in a ruby red state. So it's easy for me not to vote Biden. Though I can't imagine how hard it would be in an actual battleground state. That being said if Biden does lose the buck stops at the White house and only he is truly responsible for losing. There's really no excuse to lose to someone as terrible as Trump.
2 Reply

@matthewlewis2274 1 month ago
I feel like this breaks down at a certain point, for Palestinian Americans or people who have loved ones in Gaza, it's hard to say they are obligated to vote for someone supporting a genocide against their own family/loved ones, even if the other guy would be as bad or worse on that front, and come with a strong possibility of fascist dictatorship besides. That said, if I were American and lived in a swing state, I would absolutely swallow any sick feelings it gives me and cast a ballot for...
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@SaintSagan81 1 month ago
Man... I have been VERY back and forth on this concept.. for this reason

I'm wildly uncomfortable with giving my vote, or any measure of approval, to any administration so excitedly in support of genocide -- but, it's NOT a reward.....
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@Teletheus 4 weeks ago
I agree with most of what you've said here. I'm just curious:

"How much of that blood is on our president's hands and, by extension, on our hands?"
...
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@ZagnutBar 4 weeks ago (edited)
Original script: "This is a genocide!" (Looks up UN definition of genocide) "I don't care what you call it!"
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@chipmckenzie 1 month ago
I literally couldn't have put it any better. This is exactly how I feel. Thank you Steve.
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@stevenschwartzhoff1703 4 weeks ago
Also, Trump's Middle East policy including dropping the Iran deal and movement of the embassy to Jerusalem lead to a situation where there is no way forward in negotiations and no reason for Iran to show restraint in their support of their proxies.
Reply

@ColeMayes 1 month ago
Hear! Hear! 🥰 👏👏👏
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@CaptainPikeachu 1 month ago
An appropriate video to show up amidst Anson Mount's self implosion of "let's not bandy the term genocide" and his blocking spree of fans.
Reply

@CodyHowellProject 1 month ago
I know you'll get a ton of flack for number 3, but this was incredibly well said.
9 Reply

@renatocorvaro6924 1 month ago
666th like. I believe that makes me cool. I will now accept both blind praise and envious criticism.
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@steveczap 1 month ago
He's still better than the other guy.
Reply

@DontMockMySmock 1 month ago
Some people just aren't on board with the "lesser of two evils" argument. Personally I agree whole-heartedly with you. But, idk, people see votes as endorsement, I guess.
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@weirdkitty07 1 month ago
The evangelicals claiming again the Rapture misread Daniel and Revelation. It cannot be predicted. "No Man shall know the Time or the Hour of God's return." If they claim to know, they are false prophets. Seen the end times in the 70s, 80s, 90s, the Y2K and 2012, but oddly enough not 2020 when there was a plague. Weird.
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@Caterfree10 3 weeks ago
That 3rd bullet point is why I'm still voting. I hate that we never get to primary an incumbent President, but I also hate Trump more, and am painfully aware of how much worse he would be. Ineffectual as Biden has been, at least he says he's trying. Trump would absolutely not be in any way trying to moderate this. And that's not counting all the other groups who

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@MichaelJohnson-vi6eh 1 month ago
Unfortunately- rubber stamp support of Israel is overwhemingly popular in politics in both parties. There is no such thing as a revolutionary progressive president. If we want a revolution in the way we handle the middle east - we need to change hearts and minds so the politics change, not elect a president to change things.

6 Reply

@colinleat8309 1 month ago
You realize it's the Electoral college that elect the president.

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@CreepingTerror 1 month ago
I guess you need to ask yourself which administration / political environment you'd rather be advocating for change under.

1 Reply

@jimcat68 3 weeks ago
I might have some quibbles with your first point, but I can't argue with your third.

Reply

@SamFerguson 1 month ago
It's exhausting for all of one's political and moral will to be poured into efforts that seem like harm reduction, at best. When it feels like all you're doing is trying to "stop the bleeding," and we're not actually making forward progress, it feels like we're being defeated. But there's truly nothing more important than harm reduction, especially at a time when there's so much harm happening and so many people who want nothing more than to do more harm. It's okay to voice our ...
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@Supermonistic 1 month ago
Honest question Steve. Who would you tell Palestinian Americans to vote for. I guarantee you wouldn't tell someone that's lost a quarter of their family to vote for Joe Biden

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@saena971 1 month ago
People need to stop thinking of their vote as a message to the political powers that be, and remember that it is fundamentally a choice of who is being handed the power to lead this country, for better or worse.

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@mr.spider267 1 month ago
Excessive force

Reply

@elevensuns 1 month ago
Are you sitting on the coffee table in the Oval Office? In all seriousness, though, great video!

Reply

@michaelm2335 4 weeks ago
Agree 100%. For all of Biden's faults, and he has been tragically weak on this issue, he can at least be pushed in the right direction. Trump, in all things, will be actively malignant.

1 Reply

@LollipopKnight2 1 month ago
Excellent points all around.

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@MutantsInDisguise 1 month ago
Being progressive and sticking to status quo is never good.

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@MotherShipMedia 1 month ago
If anything, this shows how vitally important it is for Americans to start forcing a multi-party democracy instead of a two-party duopoly. The issue here is the binary choice between Rep and Dem ... a third choice that "had a chance" would completely change the equation.

I get that's not possible for THIS election, but surely this election shows just how AWFUL the duopoly is. As a Canadian, I

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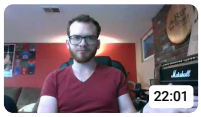

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@yancykeebler 1 month ago
At least one of his uncomfortable truths you didn't mention was that he believes in the same God as Israel and that's what's really going on and he's been listening to his Bible and 75 years worth being friends with Israel. But I gotta say, his fear of not getting reelected is getting louder. Not because he's afraid for himself but for the world.
Reply

@KoRntech 1 month ago
Steve you even said so yourself last fall, if it wasnt for Hitler being way more critical of Israel would not be a hatd issue.
Reply

@caydenplays9597 1 month ago
Agree with all 3. #4. We have US citizens still held hostage in Gaza and you and I don't now their names
1 Reply

@vhuynh265 1 month ago
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Reply

@danielmcdermott3163 1 month ago
First, fan of the channel. Second, came here for your political/cultural takes. I am now watching DS9 for the first time. So, the opposite of some of your response videos. Third, I am for more of a leftist than a progressive. Still, as disgusted as I am that Biden is all I have to vote for, I think this video is correct. I am desperately unimpressed with the Biden Administration. And I am looking at the pinned comment as I type this. Yeah, I'm white. Being an ally means eating the ...
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@afarensis16 1 month ago
You have well-articulated exactly the position I have been in for months - I don't like Biden, I hate what is happening in Gaza, and I think that this has to stop, but I also am aware that Trump is not going to be better for the people of Gaza, and if the folks behind Project 2025 have their way (and there is a fair chance they will if Trump gets in) then it will be disastrous for the U.S., and also for the world due to their positions on both foreign policy and environmental policy ...
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@tyherty45 1 month ago
There are many things I like about Biden, but his involvement with mass incarceration in the United States and the way that he is dealt with this genocide, both make me sick. With that said, I can't see a better alternative than to vote for him in November. As always Steve great video. Thank you for your insights.
1 Reply

@lexxstrum 1 month ago
Gonna share this video in a few minutes. Hearing this was like hearing my own thoughts on the matter. I get the anger at "Genocide Joe", I feel it too. In my dreams not only does he tell BiBi no more bombs, he basically sends in our forces as a buffer, and we not only stop the killing, we break the cycle.
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@fredhesseltine1471 3 weeks ago
I've been watching this game longer than you.. The sons of bitches can earn my vote' by doing what they promise
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@jan-rs6im 1 month ago
"or whatever you want to call it..." awesome way to sum it up - and yes, we need to vote for biden, rump would be worse by far. excellent work Steve - thank you
1 Reply

@0utJ4nd3r 1 month ago
I've long thought that elections are just the audience-participation part of the show. It still matters, just not as much as some would have us believe.
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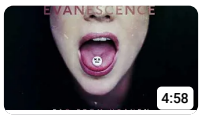
@weirdkitty07 1 month ago
The Israel thing is a mess that nobody has been able to fix since 1949.



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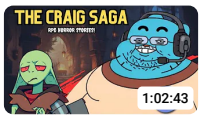

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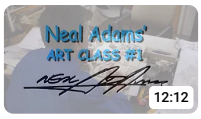

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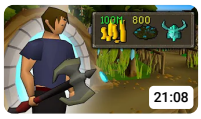

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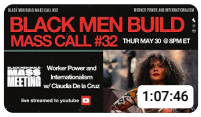

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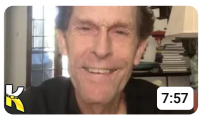

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@alexisvandom8037 4 weeks ago
I am so tired of watching people walk into the ideological propeller that is "the other guy would be worse, though." And I'm terminally exhausted by their efforts to yank us into the propeller with them.
2 Reply

@allendean9807 1 month ago
Jews have emigrated to Palestine since the 1400's. Many more from the late 1800's to early 1900's. Jews fled to Palestine during the rise of fascism in europe.
And, let's be honest; no one wanted millions of Jewish refugees and victims of war crimes. So the world got together, and shipped them to Palestine. So, the world took empty lands that belonged to Palestine, and gave it to Jews, because if it ...
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@JenniferFuss 2 weeks ago
The idea might be to threaten to not elect Biden to get him to change course.
Then when the election happens still go to vote Biden.
Reply

@Astrokate-fq3ct 1 month ago
Foreign agents and bad faith actors are joining online political spaces and encouraging people not to vote by bringing up the trope of the "lesser of two evils" and to actively ignore sound strategy and praxis. Sadly, their efforts seem to be working. Those of us who spend more time in real-world left-leaning activism need to speak out like you did.
Reply

@permanentlyexperimental3691 1 month ago
I don't agree with some of your perspective, but I appreciate you being able to discuss this as something horrific, but not necessarily genocide. It enables the conversation to continue with those who might otherwise turn off.
1 Reply

@therealzilch 1 month ago
Yes. This makes swallowing the "lesser of two evils" especially distasteful. But what else can we do at this juncture?
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@Netherfly 1 month ago
As someone who's spent most of their life in a red state, I really can't understand people who play "purity politics," or hold their nose at having to vote for the lest reprehensible option. I mean, over here, sometimes we don't even **get** that choice -- plenty of (important) offices go uncontested. As I see it, the point of voting has to be purely about one, single calculation: minimizing harm. And I've yet to see a **single** situation where not voting minimized harm.
1 Reply

@danieltilson4053 1 month ago
If there were another progressive candidate, I'd probably vote for them. But Biden is the one they're giving us that wouldn't sign a "gay people are illegal again." bill if the conservatives managed to push one through. So for that alone, given the options, he has my vote.
Reply

@jes.cavanaugh1112 1 month ago
I live in Massachusetts.

Please explain to me how my vote for either mainstream candidate makes a difference in the election. My state is already locked in for Democrats.
2 Reply

@desu38 1 month ago
not to mention that trump would also be absolutely horrid for any american who isn't a cis, heterosexual, christian, white... you know what, just dave, anyone who isn't dave
Reply

@athenaclark2567 1 month ago
I'm going to vote for Biden come November, but I sure don't feel great about it. But I know it has to be done. Not only would the Gaza situation be a thousand times worse under Trump, but LGBTQ+ folks like myself would be in peril if Trump gets back in and Project 2025 happens. Sometimes in life you just have to make the least bad decision
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@shiroi_usagi 13 days ago
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@Barnabas45 1 month ago
So the solution is to vote for Trump and the Republicans that are even MORE Pro Netanyahu!!!!
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@wethefreeproductions 2 weeks ago
If our government can't offer anything besides the lesser of two evils we probably shouldn't use that government anymore.
2 Reply

@renaigh 1 month ago
History repeats itself and it's only been 8 years.
2 Reply

@Canuovea 1 month ago
It's LBJ all over again.

#3 is true. Just imagine the alternative. Listen to what the alternative has been saying... yeah. #3 is just correct, accurate. ...
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@Lhorez 1 month ago (edited)
Biden is not the best of the two. He's the least worst. If you're a single issue voter the question you should ask is will things get better for them under Biden? Or will they just get worse more slowly? I'm not sure if that's better. The best you can hope for is buying enough time for the protests to work and enough bodies to shake the electorate. But Trump will make things worse so there it is.
7 Reply

@TheRoxyResponse 1 month ago
Not making excuses, it's complicit & our misshaped American views are also
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@Xenaboy-vt3hi 1 month ago
Sadly, we tend to get idealistic in the worst ways at the worst times. I know people who proudly declare they are not democrats and he may not be as bad as Trump but they will proudly vote for a third party candidate who has zero chance of winning. Meanwhile, Republicans will vote for Trump but some people can proudly brag about their ideals. Mind you, I despise "Do nothing" Joe; "Status Quo" Joe. But it was, and still is, either him or Trump and Trump will be overwhelmingly ...
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@tlacamazatl 1 month ago
Well said. I agree with this entirely.
3 Reply

@BuggJohnson000 1 month ago
Sadly, I agree with everything you said here. I undrtstsnd the feeling and dislike him immensely as well. But a vote sat out is a vote for tRump, and it puts me and people like me in actual danger. And its not a matter of saying my life is more valuable than a Palestinian's. It simply means we both would pay the cost.
Reply

@ivarhaugseth7973 1 month ago
Not voting is a vote to the one you like the least. You can bluff about not voting for Biden (the uncommitted movement seems to have made some ground, for example) and hope for the best, but when November comes, you should vote for him.
We should also realize that elected politicians are rulers, not saviors. They will not pursue agendas that will not get them ...
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@GrandArchPriestOfTheAlgorithm 1 month ago
The 2024 election winner can be summed up with one statement: He was the one that did the least self sabotage.
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@Thezuule1 1 month ago
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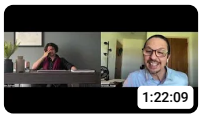

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@remdvm3021 1 month ago
You are too good and articulate on politics to spend 90% of your time doing Star Trek content!
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@rudeboyjohn3483 1 month ago
Decent men dont slaughter thousands upon thousands of women and children and civilians, just because he wants money, power, and self-aggrandizing glory
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@pvalpha 1 month ago
Absolutely awesome. Thank you.
1 Reply

@mahdedarmo 1 month ago
Steve has a remarkable talent for weaving a concise, precise narrative from facts and communicating it clearly. It's a shame all political discourse is the polar opposite.
Reply

@martinbaxter4783 1 month ago
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@victoriajankowski1197 2 weeks ago
If we elect Trump we will be to busy defending ourselves to have opinions on foreign policy....
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@Square_Peg 1 month ago
I really wish we would get better options for who to vote for. One one hand we have a turd and on the other we have a pile of manure. They both stink, but one if far worse than the other so I'll vote for the turd.
Reply

@scottryals3191 1 month ago
"Full on board" is an opinion, not necessarily a fact. You lost me right there.
1 Reply

@emanym 1 month ago
The USA needs radical electoral reforms, and I'm afraid those reforms will not be possible without revolution 😅😮😢
2 Reply

@JDODify 1 month ago
Weird choice for interior decoration, Steve. Have you decided to start identifying as an elderly lady?
Reply

@hannamakela6989 1 month ago
"...are children. WERE children." Thank you for your poignancy, sir! 💔
1 Reply

@theedspage 1 month ago (edited)
You correctly point out Biden's horrible foreign policy. You say the anger is justified. But then you implore people to throw away their conerns and morals to vote blue matter who like "good little liberals" because "orange man bad". The answer is NO. We can (and will) do and deserve better. I encourage everyone to vote 3rd party Independent for every level.
5 Reply

@DaniGamerWarrior 1 month ago
I hate it, but I know I have to vote Biden. It's trash though, we deserve better candidates, we really do.
Reply

@EugenioAngueira 1 month ago
Very well said. I've been trying to explain this to some younger people who work with me. Not only is it about Gazza, but also about protecting our democracy. Only Biden will do that. Is he perfect? Nope. No person is. But is definitely better than the orange alternative!
2 Reply

@renaigh 1 month ago
as someone from a relatively but, not entirely sane country Biden is not progressive at all.
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@OsirisMalkovich 1 month ago

For my entire adult life, I have watched Americans go to the polls every four years and choose between two bad options. With only one exception, every four years those two bad options have gotten *worse.* When your entire political system can be boiled down to the Freedom (Capital "F" freedom, the BEST kind of freedom) to choose *the lesser of two evils,* you have to wonder why anyone votes at all. Voting will not make things better. At best, it will keep things from getting worse (or at ...

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@justinfowler2857 1 month ago

Biden isn't perfect, but the alternative is so so much worse.

Reply

@robertnope1993 1 month ago

Why does it always come down to the lesser of two shitty, geriatric evils in this dump of a country

2 Reply

@j.s.raimes3993 1 month ago (edited)

It's about political prudence. We can be as outraged as we like, but voting isn't about choosing our ideal but for choosing the most viable option which can lead to less harm not more. Another Trump presidency will lead to more harm, and it simply won't be any better for the Palestinians. Definitely still voting for Biden.

1 Reply

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@therrydicule 1 month ago

Yet, Trump would be much worse... Annoyingly.

We need the ICJ to call Us senators on some treats, pointing that the needs for international security shouldn't depend on the ideological views of radical American Republicans.

Reply

@DeathBear27 1 month ago

I think we can all agree that there are no good guys. Both the IDF and Hamas are the baddies.

1 Reply

@masterSageHarpuia 1 month ago

For people wanting to not vote for Biden who would have otherwise, this feels a lot like 2016 where those who wanted Bernie sanders and didn't vote or voted trump because the Democratic Party gave them Hillary instead. And I think a lot of those people regretted that decision and the trump presidency. So please don't repeat that error.

3 Reply

@EmoBearRights 1 month ago (edited)

To quote Buffy 'you have a choice, you don't have a good choice but it's a choice'. It's funny that you say that voting in an election isn't like voting in a talent show when Israel tried to highjack the public vote at the Eurovision Song contest this year. There was a lot of booing of the Israeli singer and the head of the contest, bullying by the Israeli declaration of the Spanish press and the Irish and Greek singers and the Dutch singer got disqualified for reasons that maybe related or the ...

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@noswonky 1 month ago

I will not be voting for Biden. But only because I'm not American.

Reply

@KoRntech 1 month ago

If he stopped all weapon support to Israel hes damned, if he provides additional weapons just in defense like for the Iron Dome, he is damned.

17 Reply

5 replies

@Terry396 1 month ago

As much as I'm frustrated with the democrats, you're right. Every point and policy is donald trump plotting to make everything worse. its a shit choice, but its the only choice left.

Reply

@robertfontaine3650 1 month ago

The number is closer to 200,000 at this time

Reply

might be true, is never going to lead to a better future

5 Reply

3 replies

@benwasserman8223 1 month ago

There's also reason 4. On the domestic policy front, Biden has been more progressive than any of us expected. And i'd like to hope the Progressive movement isn't crazy enough to willfully destroy its own economic agenda for the sake of the Middle East. Or actively inviting fascism this time around.

5 Reply

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@RedKytten 1 month ago

I am not American, but I have been following your politics, since, well, you are in a Weimar Republic stage and I would rather not a fully and openly Imperial Fascist country replace what has slowly been improving. And I have noticed one thing. MAGA has learned a lesson that the progressives have forgotten. If you don't like the current choices, run yourself. Give someone that people who agree with you politically someone too vote for. And do it at the local level. Too many …

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@intouchdm 1 month ago

I just can't bring my self to ask someone who has lost over 50 members of their family in Gaza to vote for Biden.

7 Reply

@matthmaroo1984 4 weeks ago

Well said , I support the Israeli people's right to exist but Netanyahu has got to go!

We need an international effort to rebuild and rationalize the people of Gaza.

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@jsnrvst 1 month ago

I have been struggling with this for a long time, and I expect I'll continue to struggle with this for a while longer.

My politics are generally progressive, but on the Israel vs. Hamas war, my feeling is often that progressives in general don't look very deep. They learn the casualty count, especially the number of children killed and that's often all they need to know.

1 Reply

And that's almost to their credit. Perhaps it SHOULD be all we need to know. Maybe something is wrong with me that I questioned this further.

(Incidentally the UN estimates of the number of children killed was reduced by half yesterday. 7000+ children dead is still a lot (the war in Ukraine "only" killed about 600 kids) but I still thought it was worth correcting. Of course, these are estimates, and we won't know the full count until the conflict ends and the dust settles.)

Here are few other uncomfortable truths I've come across:

1) Half the population of Palestine is under the age of 18. A sixteen year old with a gun is going to counted as a dead child.

2) Gaza is one of the most densely populated regions on the planet. Hamas does use child soldiers and human shields. It often forbids its civilians from fleeing an announced war zone.

3) Every war kills civilians. There are always children dying in war. Israel's ratio of civilians killed to militants killed is comparable to that of other conflicts around the world, and that's in spite of all those factors I mentioned before.

4) I strongly believe most of the people protesting for a ceasefire don't have a particularly strong opinion on Israel's legitimacy as a state, but I also know that whenever there is movement that criticizes Israel's policies, that movement is inevitably co-opted by anti-Zionists, and because people in general prefer simple narratives with a good guy and a bad guy and like to root for the underdog, even if the underdog is represented by religious fundamentalists who viciously attacked the "bad guys". I have seen leftists argue that any violence by the oppressed targeting their oppressors is justified, while Israel neither had a right to exist or defend itself. People who hold their views don't really care about dead children, only who is doing the killing. Unfortunately, Israel and Palestine are far, far away and most people (including myself) are quite ignorant about the political and historical reality of Israel and vulnerable to anti-Zionist propaganda.(To be clear, I do not consider myself a Zionist, I'm just skeptical of anti-Zionist arguments, who generally just sound like thinly-veiled antisemitism to me. Also my experience talking to people on the pro-Israel side can be equally frustrating. They are prone to act callously indifferent to the loss of life and use dehumanizing language to describe the Palestinians).

5) Palestinians in Gaza will never be free while under Hamas' thumb. They haven't had an election in nearly 20years. Palestine doesn't have a great record for women's rights or LGBT rights. Palestinians in Israel are arguably more free.

Conclusion: honestly, I don't want kids to die, but I also understand Israel's perspective. They don't want to be attacked again. What alternative do they have? Not to mention, Hamas is still holding several hostages.

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Maybe we should just never go to war. Everyone should just disband their armies, and we should just maintain a ...
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@AndreTJones 1 month ago
Im not with you on voting for BIDEN. Get him to resign first. He needs to be held accountable. You can't ask someone to circumvent their morals. Think beyond the duopoly. Make hard choices. Biden doesn't have to be on the ticket if we collectively ask for his resignation. Let's have a discussion
6 Reply
2 replies

@redsable6119 1 month ago
Vote for Biden at least that way in 4 years you know you will still have the right to vote again.
1 Reply
1 reply

@THE_Dodge_Morningstar 1 month ago
Obviously I totally agree with Steve, but it's necessary for us to at least threaten withholding that vote. Forget actually doing it, if we aren't even willing to bluff, then we don't have a right to bring up Palestine or blame anyone.
1 Reply

@TheKitsuneCavalier 1 month ago
Still not going to vote for Biden in November? THERE ARE CANDIDATES, AND EVEN QUESTIONS ON YOUR BALLOT!!!! THEY MATTER JUST AS MUCH!!! Skip voting for president and VOTE ON ALL THE REST!!!!!
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@SomeRandomG33k 1 month ago
I guess I will just leave this here. I am curious of what is Liberals' political project. Because, maybe it is just me, but there seems to be a lot of differences between the Liberals' political project and Anarchists' political projects. Despite how some Liberals believe, and some have said to me, "G33k, you and I want the same thing, a better world." But my better world is a world without Capitalism....
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@hebijirik 1 month ago
If only 30% of potential voters actually go vote the resulting president still gets 100% of the presidency. There really is no option to "not vote" available. The 3 options that Americans will have in half a year will be to give their vote to Biden, give it to Trump or give part of it to Biden and part of it to Trump. And the exact split of those parts is decided by how many give their whole vote to who. Not voting for either one is an illusion. You can support one, the other or both. Supporting neither...
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@yancykeebler 1 month ago
One more thing, I hope this video won't influence people riding a fence to not vote for Biden, even if they don't vote for Trump, it still helps Trump get closer to the White House. I look at it this way, no matter how bad Bide has been, Trump will be waaaaay worse. People should hold their noses and vote for Biden.
Reply

@themusicgaragetmg2330 1 month ago
As uncomfortable as it maybe, I'd rather Biden over ww3 with diaper donnie at the helm, how bout you?
8 Reply

@darthelmet1 1 month ago (edited)
It's so frustrating to have people who can see the problem, agree with you that it's bad, and then still miss the point and do nothing about it.

- This didn't start a few months ago. It started nearly a century ago when the British did what they were great at: fucked around in other countries and stoked ethnic strife. Since then, settlers and eventually the Israeli government have used a mix of state sponsored terrorism and authoritarian policing to slowly push people off their land so it could be resettled. 35 thousand were killed in the last few months of a conflict that has lasted for generations and killed many thousands more.
11 Reply

- Why is the knee jerk reaction to always clarify "well obviously I don't like Hammas."? It's always easy for someone sitting on the sidelines with no stake in what's happening to hand wring about the tactics oppressed people use to struggle against their oppressors. Hammas didn't create the state of violence in the country, they're responding to it. And if they're going to fight a war to resist imperialists with vastly superior access to military resources, they can't exactly fight a straight, clean war. They have to use guerrilla tactics like in Vietnam, or WW2 resistance fighters, or idk, the American Revolution just to name a few. War is never a nice thing. But if the choice is that or genocide, how can you blame them? When I've spoken to people about this, they'll focus in on specific atrocities Hammas has committed (or sometimes supposedly committed, there's a lot of misinformation so it's hard to tell.) against a handful of Israelis. They have a visceral reaction to the horrific depictions they see, which is larger in their minds than the horrors of the mass killing of Palestinians, the destruction of their homes, or the denial of basic necessities, rights, and dignity.

country, the ones in power are still the capitalist class. And surprise surprise: There are financial interests in imperialism. …
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@noamstep 1 month ago (edited)

Dear Steve
First - I really enjoy your videos. Thanks. I admit I follow you mainly for the Star Trek stuff, but I love and appreciate the way you present, analyze and think about things. In this video too.

I am Israeli. I live in Israel, I served in the IDF. I am also very opposed to what is happening now in Gaza, and no less opposed to the Netanyahu regime. There are many demonstrations here against him and his terrible government, and in favor of an agreement that will end this terrible war and return the hostages that Hamas took.

However..

As much as I oppose what is happening, I must point out that the picture is not that simple. It is much more complex than I, an ordinary Israeli citizen, know, and certainly than those outside the conflict know. So allow me to be the devil's advocate for a moment..

This is not a simple situation of "Israel killed more, therefore Israel is evil". And I'm not saying this because of rationalization, it's a complex event in which there is a terrorist organization that in its manifesto calls and works for the destruction of Israel and the Jewish people (yes, they are the ones calling for genocide). Hamas acted on this in October, where he not only penetrated Israel's borders but also murdered, kidnapped and raped thousands of people. in their homes and at a dance festival for peace. A PEACE festival, because it is the driving force for many of us. They were slaughtered there. But the problem is that the war against this terrorist organization is embedded within the population. Under their houses, in protected underground tunnels, in the schools, in the hospitals. in the private homes of the citizens. Some of them are innocent civilians who are being exploited by Hamas, as human shields threatened at gun point, some of them are collaborators. From the moment Israel decided to respond, we were caught between a rock and a hard place. Because you can't reach Hamas alone. It's not like here, where the soldiers wear uniforms and are in bases. Freed hostages described that they were in the houses of civilians, locked up, starved and tortured, by their civilian captors.

So, is this solution that includes so much destruction and unnecessary killing the right solution? NO. Definately not. And it's terrible what's happening there. But I wish I knew what was the right solution. And if you or anyone else has a better suggestion than simply "that Israel stop killing" I would love to hear it. Because the situation is impossible, in the face of impossible evil. And every international proposal for a cease-fire and the return of the hostages that Hamas declines - I bang my head against the wall. There is so much pressure in Israel for their return, by almost any means, but Hamas simply refuses to end it. Whether it is an American, Egyptian, Qatari offer... they refused everything after the first stage in which some of the women and children were released. Some.

I will conclude by saying that Israel, contrary to what we see at the moment, is a peaceful country which is looking for peace. We made peace with many of our enemies - Egypt, Jordan, and many other countries that came under the Abraham accords. We live in peace, Jews and Arabs, in Israel where everyone has equal and full rights and there is a place for everyone. We left Gaza with the hope that it would be possible to reach peace there as well. I may be naive, but I still dream of peace. But it cannot be with Hamas, unfortunately. After what happened, Israel will not be able to tolerate continued Hamas rule. Not the Palestinians - Hamas. They are an existential threat to all of us.

I hope you will join me in hoping for the elimination of Hamas and the end of Netanyahu's rule. The combination will bring an end to the war, and maybe an opening for hope..

Noam.
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@alanfike 1 month ago (edited)

Gee, I sure wish the DNC would let the voters pick who they want as their candidate for President rather than telling us what we want, by picking the candidate themselves, or shall I say, letting the highest donors pick the candidate. DNC = Daddy No Care.
…

1 Reply

@hobbitronic 1 month ago

It's very depressing that the apathetic evils of modern neoliberalism have been laid so bare, and yet still so many people will not just stand hand in bloody hand with, but cheer on the murderers of innocents.

9 Reply

@VilkataG 1 month ago

People who don't vote lose the right to bitch about who wins.

1 Reply

@twinsgardening896 0 seconds ago

ok fashist

Reply

@williamshackleford9178 1 month ago

I wish he had said." If you live in a swing state vote for Biden, but the rest of us should vote for Jill Stein. " The votes in

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@user-je5do6jn2f 1 month ago
Dark Age 2.0
5 Reply

@Mlckey 1 month ago
Love this! 🔥 I don't like either of our choices, but I am voting for Biden too.
2 Reply

@areed2000 1 month ago
I vote both of the candidates for prison.
3 Reply

@gliberty42 4 weeks ago
I generally agree but your logic has a false at one point. You said "if Biden could stop sending weapons now [to thwart at attack on Razz] then he could have before" but doesn't that depend on the details of the aforementioned treaties? He probably could have & norms of supporting Israel be damned he should have, but the logic is not quite sound. We should be clear about exactly what he could do & what the State Department advised, if we can know it, and why. Just to as fair …
Reply

@screechingwind114 2 weeks ago
Experiencing Censorship Here. SCOTUS IS IN CONTROL AND MAKES THE RULES.
Reply

@TheVincentKyle 1 month ago
Dear Portland kids/Twitter teens et. al, First off, EVERYTHING Steve just said. I get it. I truly understand your frustrations with incrementalism, half measures, everything - truly, all of it. I was you 30 years ago. I know they say you get more conservative with age and you know what? That's dumb, you get more conservative with wealth. And I ain't got any. All I have is my two kids. My two kids WHO STEPHEN MILLER WILL KILL IF YOU INSIST ON MAKING YOUR "STATEMENT". Get your acts together and grow up, this is the big leagues.
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@twinsgardening896 0 seconds ago
shut the frak up fashist pig. Demanding minorities vote for the man literally comitting genocide right now is not the hill you want to die on. Shaming people for not voting for genocide is fashist. Congrats.
Reply

@GSBarlev 1 month ago (edited)
I was arguing with my family, in support of Biden, that he has been the most vocally critical of Israel of any president ever, including Obama.

My father corrected me—two presidents in the past have gone as far as **completely halting** aid to Israel. Those progressive champions?

Ronald Reagan and **George HW Bush**

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@user-uc9wb8eo1r 1 month ago
"Complicit", "helping", "involved", and "fully on board with"... c'mon Steve. At best, that's a blatant exaggeration. Where's your outrage video for the war in Yemen?
Reply

@Zhaobowen 3 weeks ago
Exactly. Not voting is a vote for whoever wins.
Reply

@twinsgardening896 0 seconds ago
that's literally not how elections work and exactly what fascists want you to believe.
Reply

@veronicabrown2328 1 month ago
I genuinely want to know why everyone puts if out there that there are only two options. Third parties exist. This mentality of only choosing between the "viable options" makes you complicit in the systems similar to Biden. I'm not saying there isn't merit to what you're saying and perhaps I might vote for Biden when the day comes but I'm sick of the fear based mentality of this bad choice or another bad choice. There are an infinite number of bad choices 😜... For real though whereas I will take your advice and seriously consider the overall direction Biden has been driving the US and how it has been in many ways positive I would like for you and anyone else reading this to evaluate our own individual buy into the systems in place and how we can stand against them. Like you said voting isn't the only thing but it is a thing and maybe it's the right stance to take

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@twinsgardening896 0 seconds ago
it's because if they admit there's other options, they'd have to stop voting for the man literally comitting genocide.
Reply

@QUINTIX256 1 month ago
Never underestimate the foolishness accelerationists will partake in to immanentize the eschaton.
Reply

@glasses685 1 month ago
Yeah, as a progressive voter in a swing state I'm really in a dilemma about what to do in Nov.

I don't at all want to vote for someone that was complicit in a genocide. At the same time...the alternative is Trump...and I live in a swing state where I can't really afford to waste a vote.

Something is really wrong with the political system when voters get put in this type of ethical dilemma. SMH.
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@twinsgardening896 0 seconds ago
Look on the bright side. If Trump wins, privileged liberals will at least have to pretend they care about things like genocide instead of asking us to reward them. Don't vote in explicit endorsement of genocide just because "trump might win otherwise". There are other candidates, like Jill Stein, who actually has the bare minimum decency to actually think genocide is bad.
Reply

@PanzerHyena 1 month ago
I'll vote for Joe because the other option is a literal fascist dictator.
Reply

@twinsgardening896 0 seconds ago
I don't know how to tell you that the man literally comitting genocide right now is literally a fascist dictator by definition.
Reply

@BeauKpad 1 month ago
Yeah, sure, subjugation and genocide are bad, but that doesn't mean we should DO anything about it.
3 Reply

@sethcarson5212 1 month ago
2 words that should be able to tell most any American everything they need to know to understand the situation. "Manifest" and "Destiny". It's the same shit, different century and different region. But same shit.
1 Reply

@twinsgardening896 0 seconds ago
Unfortunately, most Americans think Manifest Destiny was awesome and inspiring instead of a horrific genocide.
Reply

@nonelost1 3 weeks ago
It seems to me that Gaza/Hamas drew first blood. But Israel has drawn overwhelming second blood.
Reply

@twinsgardening896 0 seconds ago
look up some actual history about the occupation of Palestine. Look up the Nakba. Someone breaking into your house and massacring your family and locking you in a closet without food and water does not mean you are "drawing first blood" when you break down the door and fight for your freedom.
Reply

@allenporter6586 1 month ago (edited)
Your 3rd point is what stopped this from being a negative post. The realities on the ground force Biden to back an unacceptable policy fully supporting Israel in this. Much as how we had to back Stalin in the prelude and during WW2 despite the atrocities committed by the USSR in Eastern Europe. And I'm not sure I'd call FDR or Churchill "weak". But the option is Trump, Trump wouldn't object to Israel opening their own version of Auswhitz/Birkenau to deal with the Palestinian issue and that is far harder to accept than what is currently going on.
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Reply

@gorgo75 1 month ago
Don't be surprised if the other side also voting while "holding they nose"
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Given recent report's of Trump's effect on those in close proximity to him, this is quite likely true.

1 Reply

@Bolsonaro_em_Haia 1 month ago

Actually, it is surprising (if expected) that it will probably happen.

Makes no sense whatsoever.

Reply

@arnarninson4413 1 month ago

If anybody other than trump was running against Biden I'd withhold voting this election. Only my hatred for maga is greater than my disgust with Biden and his state department. What a fucking sad state with find ourselves in 😢😢😢

2 Reply

@Mr_Timi1 1 month ago

My refusal to vote for Biden is about me not wanting to vote for genocide. this video is exactly the kind of thing that make it impossible to change the road we aer on in this country just going further and further to the right until women have no choice and we are arming and supplying a genocide... oh yeah I'm not a one issue voter, Biden has done nothing except giveaway's to corporations... as he said to his donors before the last election "nothing will fundamentally change" and it ...

2 Reply

@ZachHighwind 1 month ago

We need younger candidates to vote for, not these AARP members, the world is changing we need to be able to adapt

4 Reply

@Supermonistic 1 month ago (edited)

Damn. I like all your videos and all your takes and especially your videos on Superman, my favorite fictional character. I earnestly genuinely hope this is not where I have to part ways with your channel because of my much further left ideals coming into clash with your own more liberal progressive ones.

However, I got to say that I am uniquely shocked by you implying that we must vote for Joe Biden. After having many conversations with Arab, Muslim and Palestinian Americans, who feel uniquely betrayed by his actions and suffer at the hands of the stochastic terrorism Biden has been encouraging by dismissing college students and large scale protests in the United States as antisemitic, foolish and pointless. I am one of those college students. This feels incredibly dismissive and outright disrespectful to people who have lost family members who live right here in the United States , not only will I not vote for Joe Biden I might not vote for anyone at all. I genuinely hope you see this comment because I want to continue to watch a Videos especially your superman ones, but this is something that I cannot abide. I won't vote for anyone who aids and abets genocide. Including Genocide Joe.

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3 Reply

@DynaCatlovesme 1 month ago

HOW DARE YOU TAKE REALITY INTO ACCOUNT FOR MAKING DECISIONS!

2 Reply

@twinsgardening896 0 seconds ago

The reality is that rewarding politicians for comitting genocide is just going to get you more politicians who are gung-ho about comitting genocide. You'd understand this if you saw Palestinians and other minorities as people instead of hypotheticals.

Reply

@scaper8 1 month ago (edited)

I just want to say, I respect you and I can't hate on anyone who does vote for him come November. But I just can't. Not anymore. I know that, at the absolute best, Trump will be as bad and will almost certainly worse. But I can't vote for "evil, but feels kinda bad about it" anymore.

If that's what keeps getting elected, then that all they'll ever do because they know they need not do any more than that. They'll keep going further and further right to "keep center" as the Republicans keep going further and further right.

I'm sorry, but I just can't do that anymore. I can't be that complicit and complacent myself anymore.

I'm not sitting out the vote, but I will be voting for someone who actually *does* represent the people.

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@UncleKeith567 1 month ago

Steve my vote is mine to define. I am a BLM defund the police Anerican. Biden promised police reform and it turned into increased police funding. My world has always been a hellscape (Baltimore born and bred), my vote is buried with an undiscovered Palestinian child, with the lost black lives acruded since he came to power that are equally as important as that child. The picture is the same picture for me because my level of privilege makes it so.

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But if Trump wins, the consequences of his terrible actions in office will partly be on those who failed to vote against him.

You're welcome to you protest vote (or non-vote). But that protest vote isn't immune to its consequences.

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@EclecticFruit 1 month ago

And D.T. will do better than Biden? Is that your position? Because if it isn't, you've missed a crucial part of this video's point.

2 Reply

@TheCatherineCC 1 month ago

If you're not planning to engage in direct action and defeat Level IV armor plates in service to that position, you're just throwing an ineffective tantrum.

Reply

@twinsgardening896 0 seconds ago

100% The only people who think voting for Genocide Joe is the moral stance to have are people who are unaffected by any of this. The fact that people want to reward him for comitting genocide, but still want to claim they're good people who care about minorities...

Reply

@marthaknox6466 1 month ago

I wish this video had helped me get off the fence. I wish that after I heard your walk off line "or is it about you?" that I suddenly realized that my indecisiveness on what to do this November was about my own feelings. Sadly, my indecisiveness is more of an intellectual problem. I get the very strong argument you are making, but I also get the argument that doing this is exactly what is pushing America mainstream politics further and further to the Right. The Dems have no incentive to cater to the Left, and every incentive to cater to the moderate Right. I've been a Leftist voting Dem for 27 years now, and my doubt over this strategy has been waning in recent years. I truly wonder if people like me are actually powerless, or if we are unwittingly part of the problem.

I might not know how I'm voting this November until election day. Indo know that either way I'll feel doubt over whether I did the right thing or not, and the only comfort will be knowing how little my one vote matters, and that the activism and the progressive life decisions I make on a daily basis are doing more good than any single vote I ever cast.

Thank you for your very eloquent and thoughtful addition to the conversation.

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@twinsgardening896 0 seconds ago

Palestinians are begging for people not to reward the man literally comitting genocide against them by giving him four more years in office. Do not go against the wishes of the literal victims of this genocide just because a privileged white man guilt trips you into voting to support genocide.

Reply

@SkylerLinux 1 month ago

Yes my Vote is a Prize to be won. That's the whole point, they have to earn my Vote

4 Reply

3 replies

@JDHutchison 1 month ago

Then look at it as who you're going to vote against. One of the two candidates will win - regardless of how mad you get. Not voting for one of them is equivalent to voting against the candidate of the two you'd prefer. There are only two (realistic outcomes) - quite literally a binary choice. No choice is itself one of the binary choices.

Vote against the candidate you'd feel be more harmful. It's as simple as that.

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@theedspage 1 month ago

Exactly.

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@theedspage 1 month ago

@JDHutchison There are more than two candidates. We have Jill Stein, Robert Kennedy Jr., Gloria La Riva, Dr. Cornell West... It's not a binary election as the main stream news media wants us to believe.

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@oldmare444 1 month ago

Vote third party

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just one complaint. October 7th wasn't an "incursion". it was a terrorist act of unimaginable horror. a massacre of innocents.

I think it's very important not to desensitize that day regardless of the terrible response that followed.

you said as much later on but in the opening statement it was "just" an "incursion"

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@KoRntech 1 month ago

Uncomfortable fact Americans as a whole give two shts about foreign policy. Yes we do care for the staggering loss of lives, in the end we vote primarily by our pocketbook.

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@vanessamaldonado5877 1 month ago

Im sorry but no, Israel has no right whatsoever to "defend" itself, an occupying force has no right of self-defense, would you say Putin and Russia have a "right to defend themselves" from the recent Ukranian attacks on Russian territory? Israel is an apartheid state that has been slowly but surely taking Palestinian land since 1948, so the problem is the illegal invasion and occupation, the only solution, just like with Ukraine, is the complete and total withdrawal of the invading forces, in this case Israel from Palestinian territory and respect the Palestinian people sovereignty over their own land, thats the only and sole solution, no more apartheid, no more occupation.

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@andyt1313 1 month ago

My fellow progressive just fucking piss me off so much sometimes. Thanks for helping elect Trump.

Reply

@dyslexictroll8708 1 month ago

If you want the next election to be Harris Vs Johnson don't vote in this one. Representatives don't care what you think if you don't vote.

Reply

@janrom4153 1 month ago (edited)

According to Wikipedia there's two other independent candidates running. How about voting for any of them just out of spite. If all progressives did that, it would probably leave an impact. I mean one of them is a Kennedy, the other is Cornel West. It would be better than not voting at all.

2 Reply

@aybiss 1 month ago

You guys will never be free until you learn to vote 3rd party. You will immediately respond by saying this isn't the right time. Which is exactly what you said last time. And the time before that. Which is why you're in this situation now.

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@theedspage 1 month ago

Well said!

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@Hitoshura844 1 month ago

To emphasize, in a conflict there isn't really an option for neutrality someone will win the conflict and if your withholding of support made the difference you effectively sided with the winner. If you don't vote for Biden and Trump wins you may as well have voted for Trump.

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@BigNoseDog 1 month ago

Americans have a very childish view of voting. They see it as something that has to be earned, as if a vote were currency that one spends. If a business hasn't earned my money, I can spend it elsewhere. But I can't save my vote and spend it on another election. This is why I think voting should be mandatory. You should not have the option to stay home just because you don't like choices. Life will quite often present you with situations where none of the choices are good. But you make the most of it. You don't pout like a child and complain.

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@pjgoldstein6562 1 month ago

I 100% agree.
And it's true on almost all issues, even if you are a one issue voter.

Do I think Biden does enough to protect trans and other LGBQIA+ people? No. Is it better than trump. Yes.

Do I think Biden does enough to protect the environment and keep pollution and CO2 manageable? No. Is it better than

Yes.
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@BlueBeetle1939 1 month ago
I dont understand your use of other peoples self appointed honorific titles stop calling them a defense force when theyre an occupying military and stop letting the republicans call themselves the grand old anything i dont get why you go along with such nonsense

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@sentientnatalie 1 month ago
Steve Shives is a liberal, the "white moderate" that MLK talked about, the duplicitous "fox" that Malcolm X talked about.

2 Reply

@bretttaylor3787 1 month ago
Thank you Steve, you make very good, heartfelt point. Right now my conscience will not allow me to vote for Biden. I don't vote for politicians that condone genocide. To say that Trump would be worse than Biden doesn't clear Biden. But don't worry, I won't vote for Trump either. Maybe I'll come around by November. Meantime, I'll go protest and get my ass kicked by Biden's police.

3 Reply

@ngchloe4877 1 month ago
I'm voting for Biden. It doesn't matter who we vote for. They were always say to vote for the least bad option and in the end we play that game, and everything still ends up being crap. The problem isn't who is president, but the government itself. I'm done playing the "least bad option," game. If i vote, it's going to be for Claudia De Le Cruz or the Legalize Marijuana Party candidate. There's only so much they can do, and they probably won't win, but I'm not going to be bullied by the government into picking their option. Heck, i say more people should advertise these folks if they don't want Trump to win, cause the chances are low, but if enough people do it, maybe it'll do something
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@carwashmk 1 month ago
All death is tragic!
War is hell.
*About 35,000 Palestinians killed in 7 months
*About 25,000 Germans killed in just 2 days in the bombing of the city of Dresden
*About 100,000 Japanese killed in just 2 days in the bombing of the city of Tokyo
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@BradsPitts. 1 month ago
The thing people don't seem to be understanding is that we won't GET better choices in the future if we don't vote for Biden now. That's how politics works. Trust me, I'm not a Joe Biden simp, but that's just the truth

Reply

@twinsgardening896 0 seconds ago
you think we'll get better politicians by telling them they can commit as many genocides as they want, it won't harm their election strategy????

Reply

@BradsPitts. 1 month ago
Thank you. Conservatives are the obvious threat but I'm almost more worried about this faction of ignorant and self-righteous progressives this time around

2 Reply

@aaroncosta349 1 month ago
I thought your "highlighting the definition of genocide" bit was very illuminating. Since the Gaza war began there has been a fever-pitch effort on much of the left to use the word genocide, to insist that people admit it's a genocide, and to harangue otherwise sympathetic politicians into using the word. But the moment someone challenges the usage of that **extremely** loaded term, progressives seem to retreat into a "Well what's so important about words, anyway? It's about the vibes" kind of attitude. I've seen this same thing happen in the discourse around race, gender, and a host of other social issues.

Hamas clearly wants and intends to kill Jews because they are Jews, and on 10/7 they succeeded in slaughtering over a thousand innocent people. If wanton destruction of Gaza in pursuit of Hamas is "genocide", surely Hamas' attack was at least a "genocidal act"? I was floored when you used the word "incursion" to describe 10/7, a term that brings to mind an aircraft wandering off course and accidentally crossing an international border. At least you managed to bring yourself

If your point is that the one atrocity doesn't justify another, I can agree with you there. I'm a left-leaning liberal and have been fully in the Netanyahu-has-to-go camp since the Obama years, and have always favored a two-state solution. I believe you're a reasonable man, Steve, but not everyone in this debate is reasonable. I don't think most of the people sharing your use of the word "genocide" also agree with you that Israel has a right to defend itself, and I think many see that term as **specifically** intended to delegitimize the existence of Israel and justify any actions seen to oppose it. I'm not going to try and tell you what to say, but if you care more about actions than words, just try to make sure that the words you use don't imply or justify actions you may not support.

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@cgrenadier 1 month ago

I was with you until the "we need to vote for Biden anyway" part. Imagine if you were a Palestinian, why would you have any reason to give this man your vote?

3 Reply

@CaseyBlase 1 month ago

Voting for Trump in 2020 would have put off the progressive Agenda for 4 years
Voting for Biden in 2020 put off our agenda for 8 years.

These will always be the two choices. This means the bigger uncomfortable truth is that voting is a stopgap, and everything that matters has zero to do with voting.

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@RedKytten 1 month ago

I disagree with that. I am not American, but I have been following your politics, since, well, you are in a Weimar Republic stage and I would rather not a fully and openly Imperial Fascist country replace what has slowly been improving. And I have noticed one thing. MAGA has learned a lesson that the progressives have forgotten. If you don't like the current choices, run yourself. Give someone that people who agree with you politically someone too vote for. And do it at the local level. Too many people are saying "voting makes no difference, they are just as bad as each other" without trying too make a change. If you are an active volunteer or involved in helping too make peoples lives better, people will remember that and give you a chance. The system wont change because you ask those in power too stop making money off you and do what is best for you... it will chance by people getting involved, kicking those people out of power at a local level, then showing those higher up that you are a force too be reckoned with, and you WILL be coming too hold those in power accountable too their crimes and stances.

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@CaseyBlase 1 month ago

I have a degree in political science. I worked the Obama campaign in '08.
I studied labor while working for a fortune 50 company.

Oh, and I personally was the first trans to live on Campus in my state, and my cities first trans firefighter. ;)
And that's just the start. Trust me... you don't wanna go down the credential rabbit hole with me. You will lose :)

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JD @JDHutchison 1 month ago

Voting for Trump in 2020 would have backslid the progressive agenda for 4+ years (just as it backslid from his win in 2016).

Voting for Biden either stalled or gave baby steps (depending on who you ask) to the progressive agenda. …

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@GreatBigBore 1 month ago (edited)

President Biden lost me when I found out he had put Joe Manchin's wife in charge of the Appalachian Regional Commission. As you say Steve, "weak" might be the best word for the President, but I'm leaning toward "corrupt"

6 Reply

@EdDale44135 1 month ago

While I agree that the US is complicit in the deaths in Gaza, caused by Israel. I disagree that Biden is not doing anything. The US has been pushing Israel to be less aggressive in Gaza. The US has advised against the violence, for helping, and towards acting more like police and less like an invading army. This has been public at the high level and through the military advisors we have in Israel.

The US has been working with the other countries in the region to approach a long term solution, recognition of a Palestinian state. The US is working to establish borders, create a security force and towards getting a government. That is the minimum needed for Palestine to be a country. This is not the "strong man" actions you talked about wanting to see, but it is the statesmanship of a seasoned politician.

Will we get all the way to a Palestinian state? Likely not. It seems like Israel will not support one, ever. But we will get closer. And we may get a more lasting peace.

have policies the US disagrees with. That we tolerate.

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@HeadsFullOfEyeballs 1 month ago (edited)

It's very generous of you to allow me to call a thing that isn't genocide something other than genocide.
You suggest that people don't want to call it that because they're hesitant to get "too specific", but for me it's the opposite: You're using the term "genocide" too broadly, for dramatic effect. I want to be *more* specific than you. Being inaccurate in your terminology here opens you up to being "debunked" on semantic grounds even while you're right about the facts.

Because I don't think we disagree at all about the magnitude of the crimes being committed. I just believe that you're mislabelling them, and that this is a strategic error at best and deceptive at worst. There are plenty of horrific things you can accurately accuse the IDF and the Israeli government of, such as ethnic cleansing.

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@dwc1964 1 month ago

I understand why Steve, living where he does, sticks with point #3.
However, it should be remembered that POTUS isn't elected by the electorate of the United States, but by an Electoral College, comprising delegations selected on a state-by-state basis. So this point depends on **which state you live in.**
For instance, where I live, in California, Trump lost by a 2:1 margin the last two times - slightly less in 2016 (short by 200,000), quite a bit more in 2020, and the statewide trend has continued in that direction. This means that it is **mathematically impossible** to throw California's Electoral College delegation to Trump by voting "third party".
Even accepting the false premises behind that narrative, that every vote for a progressive "third party" is deducted from the Democratic Party column (we actually draw more from the much larger pool of otherwise non-voters) - go ahead and do that with the 2020 election, and see what happens. The result may surprise you! Put it a more realistic way: if everyone who voted for Bernie in the California primaries in 2016 and 2020 had voted Peace and Freedom in November, Trump would still have lost by a comfortable 3:2 margin, *and* a socialist party would have gotten *2 million votes* - a cost-free shove on the Overton Window.
Steve's point #3 has some validity in a "swing" state, one which is actually contested between the duopoly parties. But in a state as lopsided as California, it makes **no sense** to vote "lesser evil" - you're just spitting in the ocean. In a state like this, if you want your vote to actually count for something statistically, you *need* to vote "third party".
I agree with Steve on one thing: ***do not sit it out.*** The only form of political action less effective than voting, is not-voting. But voting for the "lesser evil" when there's *no reason to* is just the flip side of that error - ceding the territory to the enemy. When you have an opportunity to vote for what you actually believe in - even if it's a mere "protest vote" - it's wrong not to take it.
In California, we have a socialist party on the ballot - Peace and Freedom - as well as the Greens. Other states have other parties, or do things entirely differently (love this system...). Check your state's electoral results from 2016 and 2020 and rational projections for this year, how your state's Electoral College delegation is selected, and all the parties/candidates on the ballot, and decide for yourself whether Steve's point #3 applies to you or not.

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@Arccosyne 1 month ago

I, like many am planning on refraining from voting in the presidential election. I refuse to reward Biden just to snub Trump. Run better candidates if you want my vote.

6 Reply

@user-fj1nz9on2n 1 month ago

I looked for flaws in your reasoning. Perhaps some cherry picking around inconvenient truths. Maybe some “mansplaining” to justify a point of view. Thank you for that disappointment. You have put your finger on the proverbial quandary for a number of young progressives, who, have yet to learn, in American politics, there are no good choices, only really bad ones. Maybe some day...but not today.

2 Reply

@vdogaymer 1 month ago (edited)

I am fine w/ everything except your preaching about what a "vote" is. There are independents, and this is the time to vote for them. Every vote that someone makes is personal, it can be about them, and it can be about the whole. Most people who vote, vote cause of what the media tells them or their dumb friends who know nothing about politics are doing. It's usually not an educated vote. Let people vote their conscience. You are not the arbitor of this, and NO I don't agree that Biden should be rewarded for what he is doing in Gaza as well as the things he promised that he turned his back on. Also with the Trump trial, not all conservatives are happy to cast their vote either, I repeat, this is the time for the Independants which btw, are more in # than say Reps & Dems, should rise up and vote third party, you will be making this same video 4 years from now, when we have 2 shitty people to vote for, and will ask us again to "hold our nose".

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@CDeeez94 1 month ago

As much as I don't want to at this point, I know we have to vote for Biden in 2024 to preserve our democracy.

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@wokeaf1242 1 month ago (edited)
I am not going to lie, I'm still rather dissappoinnted in your similar argument back in 2016 when we "had" to vote for Hillary. I frankly I still do not agree with this notion that Hillary would have been a better president. (She did just spend every day after that election blaming everyone else but herself for that loss in every cringey way she could imagine.) Back then it was the "well, Trump is far more racist" argument which is still one of the most ridiculous things to say to black people any white person can ever say. However, I'm voting for Biden. You see he does suck, and I don't think he'll change all that much if put back into office, however I don't need to intellectualize a Trump presidency. I lived through a Trump presidency. We are still living through the effects of a Trump presidency, just like we are still living through the effects of a Regan presidency. So it's not a "whose more racist" for me. For me it's "which racist do we have a better chance of fighting." So, okay, cool. I'm voting for the lesser of the two monsters. What ever sky daddy any of us believe in - or not- help us all.
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@Huron2010A 1 month ago
I know one thing for certain, Hillary would have handled Covid 100,000 times better than Trump.
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@literaterose6731 1 month ago
A-f*kin-men. (sigh...)
Reply

@wokeaf1242 1 month ago
@Huron2010A Yeah, most of our politicians are broken clocks only Hillary is only right once a year.
Reply

@furagnar 1 month ago
This is disappointing video.
The trump bad campaign talking point is now the only DNC talking point.
Find a new talking point.
This just reinforces the ratchet effect of the DNC.
Now they don't have to make promises they won't follow through on.
Will I vote for Biden? More than likely.
Does it really matter what I say to you? No.
But this is not going to change anyone's mind.
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@Ikeke35 1 month ago
Let me make things clear. I DO NOT LIKE BIDEN. Hell, I didn't like him the first time I voted for him, but I dislike trump even more and with trump in office, if people think sh** is bad now, it will be a f***ing Handmaiden's Tale nightmare for every marginalized person, with him in the Oval Office!

As a Black woman I've always had the choice between bad and worst decisions. So I'm voting not just for the Oval Office, I'm voting down ballot for all the other decisions Biden is liable to make, like judgeships, and political offices outside of the Presidency!!!! Biden is trying and failing but trump would just blow the country up .
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@jfrsnjhnsn 1 month ago
How is Biden better than trump? People point to women's rights. OK. So what has he done about Roe v Wade? He's already president NOW.
3 Reply

@morganpetros9635 1 month ago
Steve has a **VERY** naive view of foreign policy. Foreign policy is **NEVER** about what's good or moral or right; it's about power and power tokens (i.e., money).

That said, I agree with everything he's said in this video. What's happened and is happening in Gaza is a series of war crimes that already match the scale of the Holocaust when one accounts for the relatively small population of Palestinians in Gaza (something that should be pointed out to Netanyahu), and we're less than a year in. I am morally outraged by Biden's continuing support of this mass murder of innocents ... and I will be voting for him in November. Because we **CAN. NOT. AFFORD.** to put Pumpkin Putin or (gods forbid) Wormy McMercury Jr into the Oval Office.
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@mariyamwaniki 1 month ago
I don't agree with you that Biden is "weak". He's an experienced politician. People constantly underestimate him. Give Uncle Joe a second term and I think he will surprise you with how progressive he actually is. He can do a lot in a second

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@twinsgardening896 0 seconds ago

Let the man currently comitting genocide have another term and he'll prove how progressive he secretly is. You people are beyond parody.

Reply

@bendonatier 1 month ago

I dislike the concept of "both sides", especially in politics, but the situation in Gaza is about as close to "both sides are bad" as you can get. It's an issue that stretches back to before my parents were born, it's layers are so complex that it can feel like you need a degree in a relevant field of study. What do you do when there is no right answer? Either nothing, or desperately try to pull the waring sides apart. The way we've handled the situation is just adding fuel to the fire, and it is shameful.

That all said, the decision right now is add fuel to one side, and try to ween them off of it, or ad fuel to both and hope it causes the rapture. I don't like Biden, but it's better than the alternative, and at least he won't be able to take a third term.

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@jamesholland8057 1 month ago

Yes stop killing. War ain't nice. Don't poke the tiger and blame them for murdering you.

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@howardjp.miamioh 2 weeks ago

Not voting for him. It's not exactly brave of me since I know who will win my state anyway. Still… not doing it.

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